


Chicago DOT announces two upcoming electric vehicle station info sessions

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Sponsoring webinars on electric car fast-charging startups during February, Chicago's Department of Transportation (DOT) recently announced two online events — slated for 10 a.m. on both Feb. 23 and Feb. 28 — underscoring its commitment to green transportation.

The webinars are specifically designed for individuals with a desire to open Drive Clean fast-charging stations to the public in any of six northeastern Illinois counties, including Cook, Will, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry. Constituents can register for the webinars and access the Drive Clean Station application online (<http://www.DriveCleanChicago.com>).

With partial grant-based funding reimbursement for equipment and startup costs through the federal-level Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program, as well as regional and local support from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Illinois DOT, the process begins with an application and review period.

CDOT is working in collaboration with Mayor Rahm Emanuel and CALSTART, a nationwide nonprofit organization for sustainable transportation. As electric vehicle sales are increasing, the agency stated in a press release that it strongly supports the plan.

“(We) are pleased to be working with CALSTART to increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations in the Chicago area through the Drive Clean Station program,” CDOT Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld said.

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